tion facility subject to certain conditions. Copies of Press Note No. 17 (1986 Series) dated 25-6-1986 issued in this regard have been supplied to the Parliament Library.

Direct international subscriber dialling facility

199. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 1431 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th March, 1986 and to state :

(a) what further decision and steps have since been taken for the exapansion of direct international subscriber dialling facility to more countries; and

(b) what are the names of the countries with which this facility is likely to be established during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) A High Power Working Group has been set up for planning expansion of International Subscriber Dialling (ISD) telephone services keeping in view the various technical aspects. After 10-3-1986, the facility has been extended to another two countries namely, Federal Republic of Germany and Turkey.

(b) ISD facilities are likely to be extended to ten more countries during the current financial year.

Telecommunication Exchange in Orissa

200. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing Telecommunication Exchange in Bhubaneswar still remained a second class exchange area though the prestigious Industrial belt of Mancheswar and Chandika fall in this exchange;

(b) whether Government propose to convert Bhubaneswar into a multi exchange area keeping in view the that this exchange can serve properly; and

(c) what are the hindrances for operating the new telecommunication exchanges in the State, especially in view of the fact that all transmissions from Calcutta to Madras pass through Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) It has been planned to open a second unit with digital electronic equipment thereby making Bhubaneswar a multi-exchange area since the existing exchange has been exapanded to its ultimate capacity.

(c) There is no hindrance. Telephone exchanges are opened and expanded based on telephone demands and availability of resources.

Telephone Exchange at Cuttack

201. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that in Cuttack the total waiting list of telephones is 2011 and this is likely to increase to 3000 within this year;

(b) what are the reasons that the trunk telephone exchange at Cuttack instead of being increased to 2000 numbers has been reduced to 1000, numbers, which cannot evidently accommodate the waiting subscribers ; and